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RE: APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/718,126 of NIKOONAHAD ET AL.,
FILED ON BEHALF OF KLA-TENCOR;
WHICH 126 APPLICATION CLAIMS BENEFIT OF PROVISIONAL
APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 60/429,441 FILED 11/26/02.

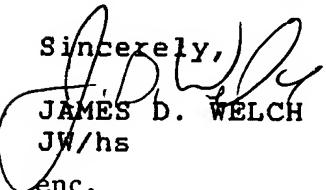
Dear Sir;

My Client has become aware of the identified Application via
Publication of PCT 03037939/US.

Applicant want to make sure that the Examiner is aware of
the Application of Woollam et al., Serial No. 10/376,677 which
Claims Benefit of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/427,043
which was Filed 11/18/02. It is believed that the 126
Application Claims material similar to that disclosed in the 043
Provisional Application of Woollam et al. In particular note
that said 043 Provisional Application Filing Date of 11/18/02
predates the 441 Provisional Application Filing Date of 11/26/02.

Service of this letter has not been made on the Attorney for
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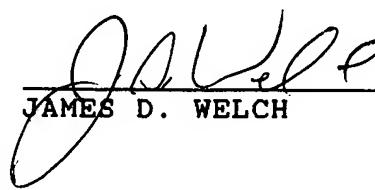
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Controlling ambient atmosphere during investigation of sample therewith using electromagnetic radiation

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